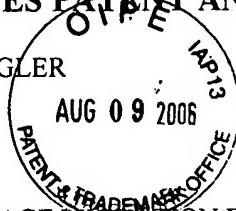


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Katherine Meyer SIEGLER
 Serial No: 10/644,797
 Filed: December 17, 2003
 For: SERUM MACROPHAGE MIGRATION INHIBITORY FACTOR AS MARKER FOR PROSTATE CANCER
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



GAU: 1643
 Examiner: Stephen L. Rawlings

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to restriction requirement in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- This application qualifies for small entity status. 37 C.F.R. §1.27.
- Additional documents filed herewith:

Claims	Claims Remaining	Highest Number Prev. Paid		Number of Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Total			-20	0	\$50	\$0.00
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2006, please enter the following election.

The Examiner sets forth a restriction requirement between Groups I-XII as set forth in the above-referenced Office Action.

Applicant elects Group I, claims 2-5 and 11-15, drawn to a method for detecting or diagnosing prostate cancer in an individual by immunoassay, with traverse. All of the groups relate in some manner to the detection of serum macrophage migration inhibitory factor (MIF); and therefore, there is not a substantial burden of an additional search in order to examine all the claims of the invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

In the event there are any questions relating to this Response or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (111828-00109). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

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